



## A Mexican Pirate Pillages Orange County

Gustavo Arellano, an author and columnist for OC Weekly, will be the guest speaker at the Friends of the Library spring program at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16, in the college Library.

A graduate of Orange Coast College, Arellano admits he was an apathetic high school student until he enrolled in community college. Ten years later, he's a nationally syndicated columnist, a radio host and author of two books, "Ask a Mexican" and "Orange County: A Personal History." The writer also knows all the great places to eat in Orange County.

A frequent guest on liberal and conservative talk radio shows, Arellano also writes "¡Ask a Mexican!," a nationally syndicated column and winner of the 2006 Association of Alternative Weeklies award for Best Column where he answers questions about America's spiciest and largest minority.

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## OCC Library Stays Open on Sundays Thanks to \$12,500 Foundation Gift

The Orange Coast College Foundation enabled the OCC Library to keep its doors open on Sundays, thanks to a \$12,500 award.

Budget cuts brought on by the State deficit had forced the library to close its doors during Sunday hours – from noon to 5 pm. But the OCC Foundation Board of Directors on Jan. 22 voted unanimously to allocate enough funds to cover staffing and operations through the Spring semester.

"Our students come first," said Dave Grant, OCC Foundation Board President. "The library is a busy place on Sundays, and we want to make sure that all services continue."

The OCC Library, which celebrated its one-year anniversary last month, welcomes more than 4,000 visitors a day, including students and members of the community.

### *Dean's Message*

Since opening our new facility in January 2008, the Orange Coast College Library has shown a dramatic increase in student, staff and community usage.

The Library has become a central hub for student academic activity, including research, collaborating on class projects, library workshops and accessing library materials as well as a quiet place to study.

The Library's gate counts have increased a staggering 289% from Fall 2007 (old

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## New Director Envisions Exciting Future for Gallery

Andrea Harris-McGee has big dreams for Orange Coast College's Frank M. Doyle Arts Pavilion.

"We can do some amazing things in this building," said the new gallery director, who arrived at OCC in September following 10 years at Cal State Fullerton's Grand Central Art Center in Santa Ana.

At the age of 30, Harris-McGee launched the Grand Central Art Center and shaped it into one of the happening art centers in Orange County. She hopes to do the same at the Doyle Arts Pavilion.

"This is an important move for me," the new gallery director said. She is excited about the opportunity to work with community college students at a time when they are at a "pivotal changing point" in their lives.

Since Harris-McGee arrived at Doyle Arts Pavilion, she has installed two exhibitions. "Seeing the Figure Anew: Selections from the Darrel and Marsha Anderson Collection" runs through March 20th. The gallery is open 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday.

On April 8, her third exhibition, "John Paul Jones Restrospective," will open. Starting April, the gallery will be open on Wednesday evenings from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. instead of Thursdays.

The gallery director looks forward to collaboration with other campus programs, and the possibilities are endless: concerts, film nights, lectures, a fashion show, yoga classes, karaoke nights. She hopes the Doyle Arts Pavilion becomes a center of attraction for students, faculty, staff and the community.

"We're going to be ambassadors of education and art," Harris-McGee said. "We want to invite the community in.

The \$6 million Frank M. Doyle Arts Pavilion, which opened its doors two years ago, features state-of-the-art amenities that rank among the finest in the nation. For more information on gallery exhibits, visit [occartspavilion.blogspot.com](http://occartspavilion.blogspot.com).



## Library Friends Searching for a Few Good Books

Got books? The Orange Coast College Friends of the Library is soliciting donations to stock the Spring Book Sale on Wednesday, April 22. The sale will take place from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the courtyard of the college's new Library.

Book donations can be made at the Friends of the Library Store and Gallery located in the OCC Library adjacent to the campus' Merrimac Way parking lots or at the OCC Foundation Office located in the college's Administration Building.

The Orange Coast College Friends of the Library will collect books from Lido Island residents on Wednesday, April 8th. Pat Hadden, a member of the FOTL board of directors and a Lido resident, is coordinating the book drive effort. Persons interested in having the OCC truck stop by to pick up book donations should call Pat at (949) 673-7842.

The book sale will feature a variety of used books including bestsellers, romance and mysteries as well as nonfiction books about science, art, history and computers. Most books sell for \$1. The sale will culminate with a "dollar-a-bag" sale at 2 p.m.

Members of the Friends of the Library are invited to participate in a one-hour presale starting at 9 a.m. Anyone may join the OCC Friends of the Library prior to the book sale to take advantage of the special sale. Annual membership is \$20, and \$5 for OCC students.

Library parking is available in Lot D and Lot E on Merrimac Way. Permits may be purchased at the permit dispenser at Fairview and Arlington for 50 cents. For more information about the sale, call (714) 432-0202 x21058 for more information.

# Banff Film Festival Returns March 18th

Orange Coast College will host the "best of the best" from the 33rd annual Banff Mountain Film Festival on Wednesday, March 18th.

The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Robert B. Moore Theatre. The BMFF World Tour features an international selection of films that present a wide range of outdoor adventures and portraits including climbing, mountain expeditions, remote cultures and the world's last great wild places.



A featured short film will be the United Kingdom production, "If You're Not Falling." Canadian rock legend Sonnie Trotter heads to Scotland to do battle on another "hardest rock climb in the world." As each day passes, he collects more and more "air time" during 50-foot falls from the steep rock buttress that plunges down beneath a historic castle. "Well, if you're not falling, you're not trying," observes Trotter.

Tickets are \$9 in advance and \$10 at the door. Admission for OCC students with a current ID is \$5. Tickets may be purchased at REI stores in Huntington Beach and Santa Ana or at the OCC Bursar's Office. For ticket information, call (714) 432-5880. For general information, call (714) 432-0202 x21058. Proceeds will benefit OCC Friends of the Library.

## Message from the Dean

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facility) to Fall 2008 (new facility) and 215% from Spring 2007 (old facility) to Spring 2008 (new facility). Spring 2009 is off to a strong start with gate counts up 26% over last year.

In addition to foot traffic, usage of library services and resources has grown. Most notably is the increased usage of the Library's textbook reserve program, funded by the generous bequest of former OCC faculty member Shirley Brooke. The collection currently consists of 802 unique titles totaling 927 textbooks and related materials in the collection. During the first month of the spring 2009 semester, there were 7,529 charges in the textbook collection. This is a 134% increase over Spring 2008.

The library continues to service students seven days a week due to the Orange Coast College Foundation's generous funding of Sunday hours. Gate counts for Sunday remain comparable to or exceed Saturday counts, averaging 420.

Other services that remain heavily used are our computer lab, group study rooms and library instruction. As always, we welcome Friends of the Library members to visit the Library to utilize the resources and services available to members. We hope to see you soon!

More information about the Orange Coast College Library can be found at:

<http://www.orangecoastcollege.edu/academics/library>.

– Sheri Sterner, Dean, Library/Institutional Research

## Gustavo Arellano Mexican Pirate ...

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Hear him talk about Orange County history, Mexicans, falafels, and why OCC is the greatest community college on earth!

Program donation is \$5 at the door or a donation of used books. Free parking will be available in Lot E on Merrimac Way between Harbor Blvd. and Fairview Road. FOTL members and OCC students with ID card will be admitted free. Extra credit vouchers will be available for students. For reservations, all (714) 432-5087.

Refreshments will be served. Lido Village Books will also provide books available for purchase, with a portion of the proceeds benefitting Friends of the Library.

# An Invitation to Join the Friends of the Library

*Annual dues: \$20 individual, \$30 couple, \$5 student  
Lifetime membership: \$150 (includes annual parking permit)*

## **Benefits of Membership:**

- Access to OCC's new \$33 million Library, with free parking (*pick up your day-use permit in the Library office*)
- Early-bird shopping at annual spring and fall book sales
- Free admission to FOTL programs
- Volunteer opportunities
- Friends of the Library newsletter

Watch for special activities for FOTL members we are planning throughout the year!

Send your membership dues to:

Friends of the OCC Library  
P.O. Box 5005, 2701 Fairview Road, Costa Mesa, CA 92628-5005

Please make checks payable to "OCC Foundation"

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*The Board thanks Jeff Dimsdale, outgoing president, and Nancy Timmins, outgoing treasurer, for their service to Friends of the Library. Jeff served as president for the past six years. Both Jeff and Nancy will continue their support as Board members.*

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FOTL Members can pick up a free  
parking permit in the Library office.

## **Spring 2009 Library Hours**

